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Greetings Mr. Miles –

I'm writing on behalf of a team in Memphis that will be piloting a variation of community prosecution and hoping to evaluate using randomized control trial. The team is led by our Shelby County District Attorney, Amy Weirich, and includes Bill Gibbons, a former Shelby County DA and TN Commissioner for Safety and Homeland Security and leader of the very newly established Public Safety Institute (PSI) at University of Memphis who also leads an organization/501c3 called the Memphis-Shelby Crime Commission. Whew! I'll have to explain that in more detail later, but see attached press release for some initial reference.

We are interested in developing our capacity for randomized control trial study of the pilot project, and are intending to respond to the Arnold Foundation's RFP for "Building Rigorous Evidence About What Works In Prosecution". We were impressed with your work in studying the community prosecution model in Chicago (although the approach we plan to take is a variation on that and includes elements of other community prosecution models), and it occurs to us that partnering with you may present an opportunity to advance a number of our mutual goals.

Would you be willing to have a call with us before thanksgiving (or perhaps early the week immediately following)? We have a Dec 15 deadline to submit a letter of interest to the Arnold Foundation, and so would hope to explore a potential partnership with you as soon as possible.

Regards,

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